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YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE YOUR THUMB ON THE PULSE OF THE PUBLIC. ALL GOOD MAYORS KNOW THAT. *LaGUARDIA, LINDSAY.*

EVEN THAT CLOWN KOCH KNEW IT.

YOU KNOW THEIR HOPES. THEIR FEARS-- ESPECIALLY THEIR FEARS--YOU CAN USE IT TO LEAD.



TO GUIDE THEM WHEREVER YOU WANT.

THE RECENT AND SENSELESS TRAGEDIES IN OKLAHOMA...

YOUR HONOR? MAYOR JAMESON?



DO I LOOK LIKE I'M TALKING TO YOU, DRIVER? I'M PLANNING REVISIONS TO WEDNESDAY'S SPEECH IN QUEENS.

WHERE'S THE LATEST RESEARCH?

RIGHT-HAND SIDE POCKET, YOUR HONOR. SHALL I LOWER THE WORK DESK?



Ah.

YES, YES.

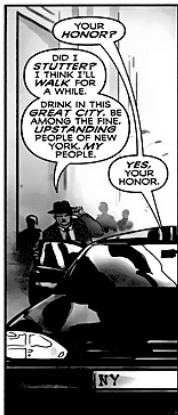
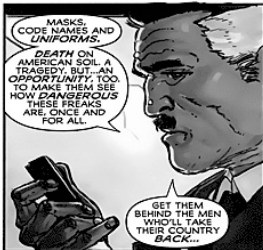


SENSELESS TRAGEDY...



J. Jonah Jameson IN
**THUMB
ON THE
PULSE**

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THEY'RE SCARED.

THEY HAVE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME, BUT PLAY IT RIGHT, FRAME IT RIGHT--OH, YES--AND THEY'LL BE SCARED OF THE RIGHT THING.

SCARED OF WHAT I WANT THEM TO BE SCARED OF.



SOME IDIOTS WANT TO MAKE IT ABOUT ASSHOLANS AND CRIMINALS. ROGUE AGENCIES AND HEROES SAVING THE DAY.

PII.

IT'S JUST ONE MORE FIGHT--ONE MORE DESTRUCTIVE PAJAMA PARTY. FREAKS, OUTSIDERS, MENACES, THE LOT OF 'EM.

DRIVING ONCE-GOOD MEN LIKE NORMAN OSBORN TO MADNESS...



...MAKING HIM JUST ONE MORE OF THOSE LUNATICS, NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.

A TRAGIC LOSS, AND NOT THE LAST, NOT UNLESS WE ACT.



THAT'S WHAT'LL HOOK THEM, THE IDEA THAT IT'S JUST MORE OF WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ALL ALONG, WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SCARED OF.

THIS IS JUST THE BIGGEST YET. THIS IS--

HM?

LOOK--

HOLY ****



BROXTON AGAIN--

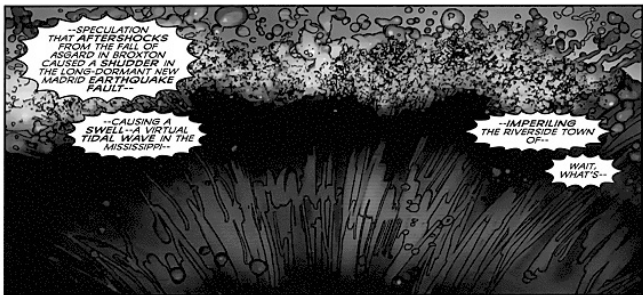
NO, IT'S--

WHAT'S--?

I'VE GOT A STREAMING RADIO--

--ROUNDING UP ESCAPED SUPER-CRIMINALS IN THE WAKE OF THE BROXTON DISASTER.

BUT NORTH OF ST. GENEVIEVE--SHOCKING LIVE REPORTS--







IF YOUR WINDS
CAN SLOW IT, THOR,
HOLD IT BACK--

--I CAN BREAK UP
THE WAVE, SCATTER
ITS MOMENTUM--

DO IT,
IRON
MAN.

THE GOD
OF THUNDER
SHALL SCAND
FIRM!

STILL--



"--A LOT OF IT'S
GOING TO GET
THROUGH--!"

EASY,
EASY...

GOT
YOU!

GO! ALL
OF YOU!

GO!

THIS
WAY!
FAST!

WE'LL DO
WHAT WE CAN HERE!
AND THE BARRICADES
TO THE SOUTH ARE
HOLDING--



HEH, YOU'VE GOT TO
HAVE YOUR THUMB
ON THE PULSE.

AFTER THIS, LEADING
THEM WHERE I WANT
THEM WILL BE CHILD'S
PLAY. THEIR FEAR,
THEIR TERROR, IN
THE WAKE OF EVEN
MOTHER NATURE
REBELLING AGAINST--







MR. MAYOR?

SCRAP THE
QUEENS SPEECH.
WE'RE STARTING
OVER.

STARTING
OVER? BUT,
SIR--THERE'S
NO--



AM I SURROUNDED BY
INCOMPETENTS? PULL THE
SPEECH FROM MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING PUBLIC SERVANTS.
WE'LL REWRITE IT.

WE'RE WELCOMING THE
AVENGERS BACK TO NEW YORK.
CELEBRATING THEIR PRESENCE.
THE GOOD THEY'VE DONE
OVER THE YEARS.

CELEBRATING
THEIR--?

PHILLIPS.
NOW.

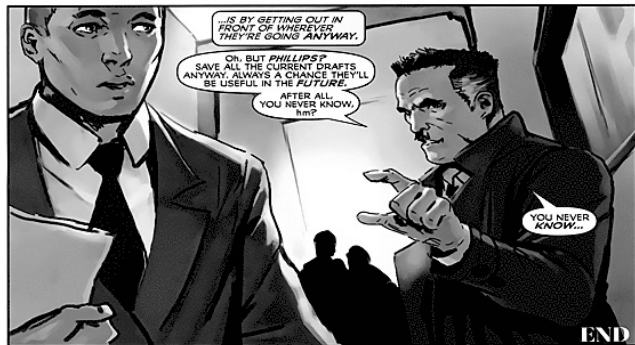


EMIL, I NEED THAT
SPEECH! GLORY,
ANDERSON, LUBECK.
MY OFFICE, FIVE
MINUTES.

LET'S GO,
PEOPLE!

YOU'VE GOT
TO HAVE YOUR
THUMB ON
THE PULSE.

AND SOMETIMES,
THE WAY YOU LEAD...



...IS BY GETTING OUT IN
FRONT OF WHEREVER
THEY'RE GOING ANYWAY.

Oh, BUT PHILLIPS?
SAVE ALL THE CURRENT DRAFTS
ANYWAY. ALWAYS A CHANCE THEY'LL
BE USEFUL IN THE FUTURE.

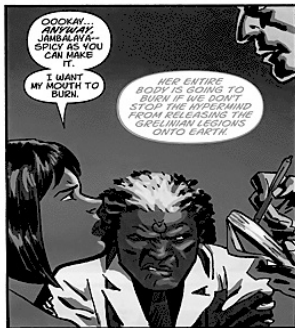
AFTER ALL,
YOU NEVER KNOW,
hm?

YOU NEVER
KNOW...

END









THE HOUR IS
UPON US!

OUR WOODED BROTHERS
IN DIMENSION EARTH PERISH,
THOUSANDS EVERY DAY.

WE MUST
DEFEND THEM!



ENTER THE PORTAL--
DESTROY THE HEARTLESS
BLOOD-FILLED MURDERERS!

DESTROY ALL HUMANS! DESTROY ALL HUMANS!

I'M SORRY TO
INTERRUPT...



...BUT I ASSUME
THAT CHANT MEANS WE
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO COME
TO AN AMICABLE
SOLUTION?

THE ONLY SOLUTION
WE WILL ARRIVE AT,
SORCERER SUPREME--
IS HUMANITY'S
DESTRUCTION!









End.

CAPTAIN BRITAIN AND MI:13 IN DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT

By Paul Cornell & Leonard Kirk
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WASHINGTON.
Government reception for British
heroes, Steve Rogers presiding.



THANK YOU
FOR COMING ALONG,
MR. FOREIGN SECRETARY.
THE UNITED KINGDOM WAS
THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FREE
ITSELF FROM THE SKRULLS.
THE FIRST TO EMBRACE A
NEW DEAL BETWEEN
SUPER HEROES AND
GOVERNMENT.

TODAY WE
CELEBRATE
THAT.



I WANT TO CALL HIM
"STEVE." WHAT ABOUT
"CAPTAIN"? MAYBE
TOO FORMAL?

I CALL HIM
"STEVE."

AND YOU...
I SHALL CALL
"PUNKER."



WE'VE BOTH
COME A
LONG WAY,
BRIAN.

ABOUT TIME YOU
GOT A STEADY
JOB.

HA!



SPEAKING
OF STEADY
JOBS...
LISTEN--

WE'VE TOLD DANE
HE'S WELCOME BACK.
HE'S THINKING IT OVER.
BUT HOW WOULD YOU
LIKE TO BECOME
AN AVENGER?

WHAT?

WHAT?!



NOBODY MENTIONED
THAT LITTLE DIPLOMATIC
SURPRISE.

I
ONLY JUST
DECIDED--

DID YOU
REALLY?



CAPTAIN BRITAIN
IS THE UK'S
FIRST DEFENSE
FOR ONCE. DID
SUPER VILLAINS,
LATVERIA...

DID
SOMETHING
ON OUR OWN.
FOR ONCE. DID
WE? NO WONDER
YOU WANT TO
NICK IT.

PETE.
REMEMBER
WHO YOU'RE
TALKING
TO...

THE
NEW BOSS.
SAME AS THE
OLD BOSS.



I'M AFRAID I'LL...
I'LL HAVE TO TURN
YOU DOWN, MY
RESPONSIBILITIES--

YOU ARE SO GOOD
AT MANIPULATING
MY HUSBAND.
I HOPE
YOU'RE
PROUD.

MEGGAN, WE
WERE ONLY JUST
AT WAR.
WE MIGHT
BE AGAIN, THIS
"AGE OF HEROES"
STUFF--



IT'S JUST...WAITING.
FOR THE NEXT HORROR
TO--WE HAVE TO BE...
PROFESSIONAL--

OH, GOD IT.
BLOODY
SUPER
HEROES.



HE SAYS
YES.

PETE--

SHUT IT.

WE
CAN COME TO
SOME SORT OF...
TIME-SHARE
AGREEMENT.



EVERY
NOW AND
THEN--

--I'M
NOWHERE
NEAR CYNICAL
ENOUGH.



I HOPE
IT DOESN'T
GET US
KILLED.

END...
for now.

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

N.Y. STATE OF MIND

a Slott / Templeton / Maese / Lanphear jam

KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, GRIFFIN? THE WHOLE MIX-AND-MATCH THING YOU'VE GOT GOING ON.

HEAD OF A LION, WINGS OF AN EAGLE...

...AND BRAINS OF A TWO-BIT STICKUP ARTIST.

LAUGH IT UP, BUG. BUT MY GUYS'LL HAVE ME BACK OUT IN NO TIME. AND THEN I'LL--

"GUYS"? WHAT GUYS? DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED, JOHNNY, BUT OSBORN'S LOCKED UP, THE HOODS ON THE RUN...

THE DARK DAYS ARE OVER!

IT'S A NEW AGE OF BRIGHT N' SHINY!

NOW EVERYBODY CAN TELL THE GOOD GUYS FROM THE BAD GUYS.

AM I RIGHT, PEOPLE? C'MON, HANDS IN THE AIR! LET'S HEAR IT.

YOU TIED UP ALL OF FIFTH AVENUE!

MENACE!

BET HE'S THAT SINISTER SPIDER-MAN IN DISGUISE!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

HE'S MY PARTNER! THAT'S RIGHT! WE'RE IN CAHOOTS!

AW, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

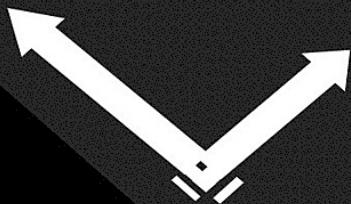
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MORE NEXT MONTH!**

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